IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8 to read as follows:

--These and other objects of the present invention are made possible by a synthetic method for the preparation of 7-substituted camptothecin compounds of formula (I) or (II):

$$(CY_2)n \xrightarrow{O \downarrow 10} \stackrel{12}{N} \xrightarrow{N} \stackrel{OH}{N} \xrightarrow{II} \xrightarrow{II} \stackrel{II}{N} \xrightarrow{II} \stackrel{II} \stackrel{II}{N} \xrightarrow{II} \stackrel{II}$$